

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1192
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brandon Barnett, 2006
Valedictorian of Hampton High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Barnett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Hampton High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Barnett has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Brandon Barnett has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Mr. Barnett is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Pep Club, Spanish Club, Bible Club, Art Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among his peers, Brandon has served with distinction as President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Student Council, and Vice President of his Senior Class; and

WHEREAS, he is also a gifted athlete who was a valuable three-year starter on the varsity football team and a rare four-year starter on the varsity baseball team; and

WHEREAS, Brandon was named All-Conference, All-Northeast Tennessee, and All-Carter County in baseball during his Junior season and was selected to the *Johnson City Press* Super 22 Team; and

WHEREAS, he was selected to the All-Conference Team in football during his Senior season and was twice named to the All-Carter/Johnson County Team; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Hampton Christian Church, Brandon has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and he volunteers his time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts, Carter County Food and Clothes Drive, Arms Ministries, Abstinence Among Teens, and the National Guard Toy and Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnett's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Milligan College; he has received baseball and academic scholarships, a Hope Scholarship, and a National Football Hall of Fame College Scholarship to help further his education; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Rusty Barnett and Beatrice Schooley, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Barnett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Brandon Barnett, 2006 Hampton High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.